



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND  
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY GARRISON ALASKA AND FORT RICHARDSON  
724 POSTAL SERVICE LOOP #6000  
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Ft. Richardson, Alaska (FRA) and Ft. Wainwright, Alaska (FWA) Drivers' Training Using Ice Pads (USAG-AK-20)

1. References.

- a. AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 27 Aug 07.
- b. AR 600-55, The Army Driver and Operator Standardization Program, 31 Dec 93.
- c. USARAK Range Regulation 350-2.
- d. USARAK Safety Regulation 385-1.

2. PURPOSE. To prescribe United States Army Garrison Alaska (USAG Alaska) policy and procedures for FRA and FWA Drivers' Training using ice pads.

3. GENERAL. Army accident statistics prove personnel with more winter driving training and experience have fewer accidents. Although winter driving is not unique to Alaska, the long winter season combined with frequent snow/ice storms and extended darkness create challenging driving conditions. Army Regulation 600-55 (see also AR 385-10) designates drivers' training as a unit "Battalion Level" requirement with 17 elements. One element is *accident avoidance training*. To assist Commanders with drivers' accident avoidance training, U.S. Army Alaska establishes an ice pad in winter months at both FRA and FWA.

4. SCOPE. This policy applies to official and unofficial training:

- a. **Official Training** is unit or directorate mandated training for Soldiers or civilian employees required to drive tactical and/or government-owned/leased non-tactical vehicles as part of their official duties, using government vehicles only. Contractor employees are not permitted to train on the ice pad unless their contract provides for the government to offer such training. If there is a need to modify a contract, organizations must work with the appropriate contracting officer.

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b. **Unofficial Training** is unit or directorate sponsored training for Soldiers, family members or civilian employees using only privately owned vehicles. Organizations sponsoring unofficial training will ensure all persons sign the enclosed *Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement* before training on the ice pad.

## 5. KEY TASKS.

a. Installation Garrison Commanders, in coordination with the USARAK G3, are responsible for establishing a suitable ice pad location.

b. FRA and FWA garrisons are responsible for establishing and maintaining the ice pad on their respective installations. Snow removal shall be priority 3.

c. The USARAK Safety Office will review and approve Mission Commander training plans and courses of instruction before all ice pad training. The Installation Garrison Safety Office will review and approve for all Garrison and tenant organizations.

d. Commanders/Directors will conduct preparatory training and give a Safety briefing before training on the ice pad.

e. DPTMS, Range Division, will be responsible for scheduling ice pad use through the Range Facility Management Support System (RFMSS). Organizations not having access to RFMSS must contact the Range Division at 384-6230 to schedule ice pad use. Commanders/ Directors will submit a drivers' training plan approved by the Safety Office (including risk assessment) to Range Control using range scheduling procedures.

## 6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

a. Speeding (20 MPH Maximum), horseplay, or reckless driving is prohibited.

b. Only one vehicle on the pad at a time.

c. Using organizations are responsible for ensuring that a qualified instructor (per AR 600-55) accompanies each student driver.

d. Instructors will wear a highly visible garment/vest.

e. Using organizations are responsible for ensuring that vehicles move only at the direction of a qualified instructor.

f. Using organizations are responsible for ensuring that a qualified combat lifesaver, state licensed EMT or MOS-qualified medic (91W) is on site for all ice pad training. Using organizations without organic medical assets must coordinate for support.

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g. Using organizations will maintain radio contact w/Range Control using range procedures.

h. Ice pad may not be used when the temperature is above 30 degrees F.

i. Using organizations must clean up the ice pad when finished and report damages to Range Control immediately.

6. The point of contact for this memorandum is Mr. Alfredo Nogueras, Installation Safety, at 384-2382.



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# I. RISK ADVISEMENT

The following is a list of some of the possible injuries you may sustain while driving on ice skid pads on U.S. Army Alaska posts.

1. Injuries such as lacerations, broken bones, head injuries, internal injuries, emotional trauma, and even death, may be sustained as a result of accidents occurring while using the ice skid pad.
2. Injuries such as lacerations, broken bones, head injuries, internal injuries, emotional trauma, and even death, could result while observing other individuals using the skid pad or while riding with other individuals who using the ice skid pad.
3. Property damage, to include damage or destruction, to personally owned, financed, or leased vehicles, may occur as a result of use of the ice skid pad.

## II. WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of the privilege of being permitted to use the ice skid pads on U.S. Army Alaska posts; having read the above risk advisement and with full knowledge that said activities may be hazardous to me and/or my dependents and my property, and having exercised the opportunity to further inform myself as to other possible hazards and injuries which might occur while participating in such activities, **I HEREBY:**

a. **VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY** for any risk of loss, property damage, or bodily injury, including death, that may be sustained by me as a result of my activities, whether caused by the simple negligence of the U.S. Army, its agents and employees or otherwise; and,

b. Agree to **RELEASE, WAIVE, INDEMNIFY, PROMISE NOT TO SUE, HOLD HARMLESS** the U.S. Army, its agents and employees from all claims arising from any loss, property damage, or bodily injury, including death, which may occur while participating in these activities whether caused by the simple negligence of the U.S. Army, its agents and employees or otherwise; and,

c. It is my express intent that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind my spouse, the members of my family, and my heirs, assigns, and personal representative, if I am deceased.

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Participant

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Date

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Parent or Guardian

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Date